

# Linda **S.** Fitz Gibbon

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## Artist Statement/Bio & CV

Fitz Gibbon's hand built ceramics portray the clash of modern cultural stereotypes and artifice with nature. This leads the viewer to not only question if the object is real, but whether it grows, is alive, and if comes from the earth, is it still natural? The inflatables and action figures serve as metaphors of contemporary life existing in a fractured political landscape.

Born in New York, Fitz Gibbon lives and works in Woodland, CA. She has an MFA in Visual Arts from the Art Institute of Boston/Lesley University, and BA from Yale University. She was awarded a merit scholarship for an art residency at the Vermont Studio Center in 2017 and was an Artist in Residence at Anderson Ranch Art Center, CO, spring 2010. Fitz Gibbon holds an Adjunct Faculty Ceramics position at Cosumnes River College, Los Rios Community College District, Sacramento. A dedicated community arts educator, Fitz Gibbon also runs ceramic programs in several elementary schools through YoloArts.

## Education

- 2013 MFA in Visual Arts, Art Institute of Boston/Lesley College of Art & Design, Merit Scholarship
- 1980 BA, Yale University, Cum Laude, Double Major in Art History with Distinction, and Music

## Selected Solo/Duo Exhibitions

- 2017 *Animal, Vegetable, Mineral: Linda Fitz Gibbon & Shirley Hazlett*, Arthouse Gallery, Sacramento, CA
- 2016 *Linda S. Fitz Gibbon*, Artspace 1616, Sacramento, CA  
*Ken Hendrickson & Linda Fitz Gibbon*, Kaneko Gallery, American River College, Sacramento, CA
- 2015 *Counterpoint, Susan Aulik & Linda S. Fitz Gibbon*. GearBox Gallery, Oakland, CA  
*Linda Fitz Gibbon: Feast for Your Eyes – The Artful Plate*. Monticello Seasonal Cuisine, Davis, CA
- 2014 *Linda Fitz Gibbon, Beautifully Grotesque*, Shimo Center for the Arts, Sacramento, CA
- 2012 *Transformations: Linda S. Fitz Gibbon and Maureen Hood*, Kaneko Gallery, American River College, Sacramento, CA
- 2011 *Linda Fitz Gibbon: Not Your Grandmother's Wedgwood*, B. Sakata Garo, Sacramento, CA
- 2008 *Earthy Delights, Ceramic Work by Linda S. Fitz Gibbon*, Pence Gallery, Davis, CA
- 2004 *Ceramic Sculpture by Linda S. Fitz Gibbon*, Sierra Arts Foundation Exhibition, Reno, NV
- 2003 *Linda Fitz Gibbon, Recent Work*, Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH  
*Linda Fitz Gibbon, Recent Sculpture*, John Natsoulas Gallery, Davis, CA
- 2001 *Wine, & Woman, & Song*, John Natsoulas Gallery, Davis, CA
- 1998 *Linda Fitz Gibbon, New Work*, John Natsoulas Gallery, Davis, CA

## Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2018 *10<sup>th</sup> Annual Beyond the Brickyard*, Archie Bray Foundation, Helena, MT. **Juror:** Kristen Morgan  
*By Hand: An International Fine Crafts Biennial*, Blue Line Gallery, Roseville, CA. **Juror:** Brigitte Martin  
*Dimensions: Exhibition of Fine Craft*, San Luis Obispo Museum of Art (SLOMA), San Luis Obispo, CA. **Juror:** Peggy Sivert Zask
- 2017 *Visions in Clay*, LH Horton Jr Gallery, San Joaquin Delta College, Stockton, CA. **Juror:** John Toki

- 2016 *Visions in Clay*, LH Horton Jr Gallery, San Joaquin Delta College, Stockton, CA. **Juror:** Liz Quackenbush, **award**  
*Ruth Rippon Alumni Show Finale*, Alpha Fired Arts, Sacramento, CA  
*Picnic: An Exhibit About Food*, Pence Gallery, Davis, CA.
- 2015 *5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ruth Rippon Legacy Show*, Alpha Ceramics, Sacramento, CA.  
*Slice: A Juried Cross-Section of Regional Art*, Pence Gallery, Davis, CA. **Juror:** Shelly Willis, **award**  
*Food for Thought: The Artful Plate Project*. YoloArts Commissions Four Artists. Gallery 625, Woodland, CA  
*Passing the Baton, Ceramic Educators Show*, Ridley Gallery, Sierra College, Rocklin, CA
- 2014 *Dimensions 2014, Exhibition of Fine Craft*, San Luis Obispo Museum of Art (SLOMA), San Luis Obispo, CA. **Juror:** Carol Sauvion  
*Visions in Clay*, LH Horton Jr. Gallery, San Joaquin Delta College, Stockton, CA. **Juror:** Garth Johnson  
*Snap, Crackle, & Pop! Ceramic Sculpture: Linda Fitz Gibbon, Bill Heiderich, Pancho Jiménez*, Arts-Davis, Davis, CA
- 2013 *California Sculpture Slam*, San Luis Obispo Museum of Art (SLOMA), San Luis Obispo, CA. **Juror:** Colleen Sterritt  
*10<sup>th</sup> Annual Marge Brown Kalodner Graduate Student Show*, The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA.  
**Jurors:** Marge Brown Kalodner, Robert Pfannebecker, Naomi Cleary  
*Art Institute of Boston/Lesley University MFA Graduate Exhibition*, AIB Main Gallery, Boston, MA  
*Red Lodge Juried National: 2*, Red Lodge Clay Center, Red Lodge, MT. **Juror:** Dan Anderson  
*25<sup>th</sup> Annual, 30 Ceramic Sculptors*, John Natsoulas Gallery, Davis, CA (also 8th - 24th)
- 2012 *Slice: A Juried Cross-Section of Regional Art*, Pence Gallery, Davis, CA. **Juror:** Diana Daniels, **award**  
*Visions in Clay*, LH Horton Jr. Gallery, San Joaquin Delta College, Stockton, CA. **Juror:** Joe Bova  
*Boston Young Contemporaries*, 808 Commonwealth Gallery, MA. **Jurors:** Steven Zevitas, Gwen Strahle, Steve Locke  
*Flatlanders on the Slant: Fifty Artists Celebrate the Slant Step's 50th Anniversary*, Nelson Gallery, UC Davis, CA. **Curator:** Renny Pritiki & Joy Bertinuson
- 2011 *Ceramics Annual of America*, Fort Mason Festival Hall, San Francisco, CA.  
*Visions in Clay*, LH Horton Jr. Gallery, San Joaquin Delta College, Stockton, CA. **Juror:** Judith Schwartz  
*ACGA@DAC, 7 Assoc. of Clay & Glass Artists*, Davis Arts Center, Davis, CA. **Juror:** Nancy Selvin  
*Shattered, 6<sup>th</sup> Fall National Exhibition*, Marin MoCA, Novato, CA. **Juror:** Kenneth Baker
- 2010 *Visions in Clay*, LH Horton Jr. Gallery, San Joaquin Delta College, Stockton, CA. **Juror:** Arthur Gonzales  
*Innovations in Contemporary Craft*, RAC, Richmond, CA. **Jurors:** Nancy Selvin & Garry Knox Bennett  
*Crystalline Justice*, Spring Resident Artist Exhibition, Anderson Ranch Art Center, Snowmass, CO  
*Fill-adelphia*, Potter's Council NCECA Exhibit, A Show of Hands Gallery, Philadelphia, PA **Juror:** Sherman Hall  
*Beyond the Brickyard*, Archie Bray Foundation, Helena, MT. **Juror:** Wayne Higby.
- 2009 *Out of the Fire: Clay & Glass from ACGA*, Falkirk Cultural Center, San Rafael, CA. **Juror:** Dorothy Saxe  
*Food, Feast for the Eyes, From the Permanent Collection*, Arizona State University Art Museum, Tempe, AZ
- 2008 *Confrontational Ceramics, All Fired Up!* Westchester County, NY. **Curator:** Judith Schwartz.  
*Flatlanders 2: A Regional Roundup*, The Nelson Gallery, UC Davis, CA. **Curator:** Renny Pritikin  
*Exploring the Surface*, ACGA Artists, Pence Gallery., Davis, CA. **Juror:** Peter VandenBerge

- 2007 *Feats of Clay Alumni Exhibition*, Lincoln Arts Gallery, Lincoln, CA  
*Follow the Line: Traditions Revealed*, ACGA Artists, Pence Gallery, Davis, CA. **Juror:** Bob Brady
- 2007 *The California Clay Competition*, The Artery, Davis, CA. **Juror:** Jim Melchert, **award**
- 2006 *Aspects of Humanity: Contemporary Portraiture*, Center for Contemporary Art, Sacramento, CA  
*An Affinity for the Cup II*, Exploding Heads Gallery, Sacramento, CA. **Juror:** Linda S. Fitz Gibbon
- 2005 *Platters and Plates: A Blue Plate Special*, Chester Springs Studio, PA. **Curator:** Gail Brown
- 2004 *15th San Angelo National Ceramic Competition*, San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, TX. **Jurors:**  
 Ruth & Rick Snyderman
- 2003 *Ceramics '03*, Guilford Handcraft Center, Guilford, CT. **Juror:** Susan Peterson  
*Feats of Clay, 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition*, Gladding McBean, Lincoln, CA (also '03, '98, '96)  
*California Plates*, Tierra Solida Clay Art Gallery, Santa Barbara, CA. **Juror:** Otto Heino
- 2002 *Crocker Kingsley 73rd Exhibition*, Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA. **Juror:** Gladys Nilsson  
 (also '96)  
*George E. Ohr National Arts Challenge*, Ohr-O'Keefe Museum, Biloxi, MS. **Juror:** Paul Soldner
- 2001 *Objects Considered*, Bedford Gallery, Dean Leshner Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek, CA  
*Viewpoint: Ceramics 2001*, Hyde Gallery, Grossmont College, El Cajon, CA. **Juror:** Jo Lauria
- 2000 *Two Decades of Art*, John Natsoulas Gallery, Davis, CA
- 1999 *Ceramics '99*, Guilford Handcraft Center, Guilford, CT. **Jurors:** Andrea and John Gill
- 1998 *Wall Works: Steve Braun, Robert Charland, Linda Fitz Gibbon, and Arthur Gonzalez*,  
 SMUD Gallery, Sacramento, CA. **Curators:** Linda Fitz Gibbon & Dave Vargo
- 1997 *Ceramic Still Life: The Common Object*, Oliver Art Center, California College of Arts & Crafts,  
 Oakland, CA
- 1996 *Artists on Their Own, 5th Annual Juried Exhibition*, Jane Hartsook Gallery, New York, NY

### Selected Publications

- 2018 ICAN Calendar, *Sculpture Collection*. International Ceramic Artists Network. March. Print
- 2017 Abukhazneh, Ayah, Linda S. Fitz Gibbon Ceramics, *Consumed by Fog*. Web  
<http://www.consumedbyfog.com/2017/03/26/linda-s-fitz-gibbon-ceramics/>
- 2016 Couzens, Julia, "Linda Fitz Gibbon at the Shimo Center for the Arts," *Ceramics Art & Perception*, Issue #102
- 2014 *500 Figures in Clay, Vol. II*. Lark Books, Sterling Publishing Co., NY. Print
- 2005 – '12 *30 Ceramic Sculptors*. John Natsoulas Press, Davis, CA. Print
- 2012 Pritikin, Renny, *Flatlanders on the Slant: Fifty Artists Celebrate the Slant Step's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*. Nelson Gallery, UC Davis, CA. Print
- 2011 *Ceramics Annual of America*. John Natsoulas Press, Davis, CA. Print  
*Association of Clay and Glass Artists of California*. Print  
*Potters Council Calendar II, A General Collection of Potters Council Member Work. November*. Print.
- 2008 – '10 *Trompe L'Oeil*. John Natsoulas Press, Davis, CA. Print
- 2008 Schwartz, Judith S., *Confrontational Ceramics*. A&C Black Publishers, London. Print
- Pritikin, Renny, *Flatlanders 2; A Regional Roundup*. Nelson Gallery, UC Davis, CA. Print
- 2004 *500 Figures in Clay, Vol. I*. Lark Books, Sterling Publishing Co., NY. Print
- "Upfront: Linda S. Fitz Gibbon." *Ceramics Monthly*. Dec. Print
- 2003 "Upfront: Linda S. Fitz Gibbon." *Ceramics Monthly*. May. Print
- "Reviews: Linda S. Fitz Gibbon at John Natsoulas Gallery." *Artweek*. May. Print
- 2002 Fitz Gibbon, John. *The Pilot Hill Collection of Contemporary Art*. Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA. Print
- 1997 Levin, Elaine. *Ceramic Still Life: The Common Object*. Oliver Art Center, California College of Arts & Crafts, Oakland, CA. Print

**Selected Awards, Residencies, Organizations, and Honors**

- 2017 Merit Scholarship, Vermont Studio Center Artist Residency
- 2016 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize, *Visions in Clay*, LH Horton Gallery, San Joaquin Delta College, Stockton, CA. **Juror:** Liz Quackenbush
- 2015 Honorable Mention, *Slice: A Juried Cross-Section of Regional Art*, Pence Gallery, Davis, CA. **Juror:** Shelly Willis  
Juror of ACGA: *Ceramics in Focus*, the annual ACGA ceramic exhibition at the Tsa Gallery, Davis Arts Center, Davis, CA  
*Artful Plate* Commission, Season 2, resulting in the reproduction of limited edition dinnerware plates. YoloArts
- 2013-2015 Secretary, Nelson/Shrem ArtFriends Board, Nelson Gallery, UC Davis, CA
- 2011-'13 Merit Scholarships, Art Institute of Boston/Lesley University MFA in Visual Arts Program
- 2012 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, *Slice: A Juried Cross-Section of Regional Art*, Pence Gallery, Davis, CA. **Juror:** Diana Daniels
- 2011 Guest Speaker & Demo, *Visiting Artist Lecture Series*, Richmond Art Center, Richmond, CA
- 2010 *Art & Ag, Farmer's Market Commission*. YoloArts & James Irvine Foundation  
Guest Speaker and demo, Fall Lecture Series: *Funk & Figure*. American River College, Los Rios Community College District, Sacramento, CA  
Community Artist Award, Pence Gallery, Davis, CA  
Spring Artist Residency, Anderson Ranch Art Center Snowmass, CO
- 2007 Best of Show and Purchase Prize, *The California Clay Competition*, The Artery, Davis, CA. **Juror:** Jim Melchert
- 1999 Guest Speaker, California Conference for the Advancement of Ceramic Art (CCACA), John Natsoulas Gallery, Davis, CA

**Grants & Commissions**

- 2015 *Artful Plate* Commission, Season 2, YoloArts
- 2010 *Art & Ag, Farmer's Market Commission*. YoloArts & James Irvine Foundation.  
Private commission, "Spirit of St. Louis" wall sculpture
- 2009 Commission for three ceramic wall works, Lodi Memorial Hospital, Lodi, CA.
- 2007 Commission for ceramic mural, Plant Plaza, 5th & G Streets, Davis. Yackzan Group  
Arlyne Crandall Memorial Commission, Davis Senior High School Art Department
- 2006 City of Davis Art Contract, ceramic/mosaic bench, Explorit Science Center, Davis – with Lucy Ruth Wright Rivers
- 2005 Commission for Colusa Child Development Center: building numbers, classroom plates, mosaic mural. McCandless & Assoc., Architects

**Museum Collections**

The Crocker Art Museum, The UC Davis Manetti Shrem Museum of Art, CA; The Butler Institute of American Art, OH; Arizona State University Museum, Tempe, AZ; The Yale University Art Gallery, CT